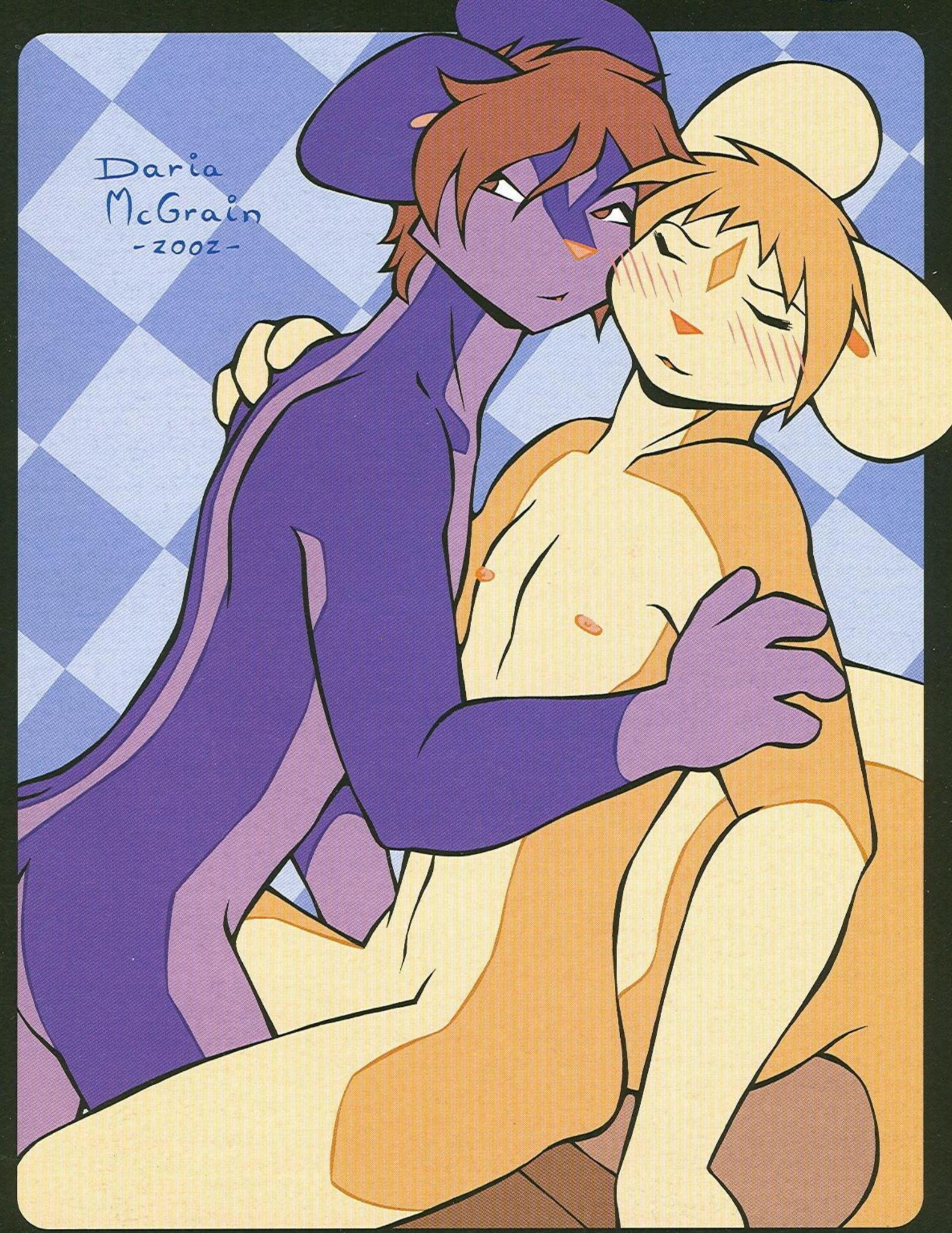


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Elin's Soapbox

by Elin Winkler

Happy New Year to everyone out there in Radio-land! 2002 was a busy year for us here at Radio Comix, and 2003 doesn't look like it's going to let up the pace on us. As always, we're entering the new year dedicated to bringing you the kind of quality stories and entertainment you've demanded, and we're working feverishly with both established names and new talent to continue to do just that.

We're also working hard to try to improve all aspects of our business- a difficult job, but one we think is important. We value all of our customers- from the single person who buys one copy of something at a convention to the retailers and distributors who stock our comics- and hope we'll be able to maintain good relations with all of you during the new year. It never ceases to amaze me when a publisher or creator of comics insults or belittles the readers or retailers. Yes, comics require publishers and creators to exist, but the retailers who stock the comics and the readers who buy them are no less important to the equation. Personally, I think the retailers and readers are essential- without them, no publisher could exist, unless they simply had very deep pockets and money to burn. Ignoring, insulting or generally being rude to the people who pay the bills just doesn't seem like a very good idea to me and smacks of finger-pointing and blame-shifting. (Or perhaps of unrealistic market expectations.) While I have in the past encountered retailers who made Comic Book Guy on the Simpsons seem like a marketing genius, they tend to be few and far between these days. Most retailers are in business because they like selling comics, and so of course, they are going to want to stay in business. They have budgets to consider when ordering, fans and customers of their own to please, and only they will know what people in their area are interested in. What sells in San Francisco or New York might not be the same thing that will sell in Peoria or Topeka. Comic retailing is a demanding, usually low-paying job without a lot of tangible rewards (and I should know, I used to be a comics retailer), and I think retailers should be treated with respect for their long hours and hard work. Publishers and creators should look upon retailers as a valuable resource instead of a convenient scapegoat for low sales. Modern comic retailers are very much in touch with their clientelethey have to be in order to stay in business. A wise publisher or creator would benefit from speaking with retailers or listening to their concerns, since retailers are the most direct link with comic buyers.

My second concern- the insulting of fans or readers just because they may not like a particular comic or type of work. This is just unfair. Everyone has different tastes or types of things they like. To expect someone to not only like but to buy your comic simply because you made it and put it out there is naive. Personally, I don't like war stories. They are not to my taste, in either novels, movies or comics. Pat loves war stories, no matter what the medium used. In a healthy comic industry, there is room for both of our tastes to be accommodated. I can read something light and fun, and he can read as many issues of Sgt. Rock as he likes. Neither of our tastes are invalid, they are simply our personal purchasing preferences. Comic readers know what they like, and while a positive, polite approach can often get them to try something new, a negative or even insulting approach will just leave an awful association with the new comic in their minds, and potential fans can become completely alienated. You truly can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar.

The comic industry is like a large interlocking machine- without all of the partscreators, publishers, distributors, retailers AND readers- it can't function. Something to think about in the new year!

The Hot Spot



The stuff we were listening to, reading or playing with when we put these comics together!

Comics

Gun Fu #1 (Axiom)

Games

Bomberman Generation (Gamecube)

Bloody Roar (Gamecube)

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More fun than a barrel full of monkeys!

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Favio Montoya

Space Race #1 302

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Various

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More stuffing than a Thanksgiving turkey!

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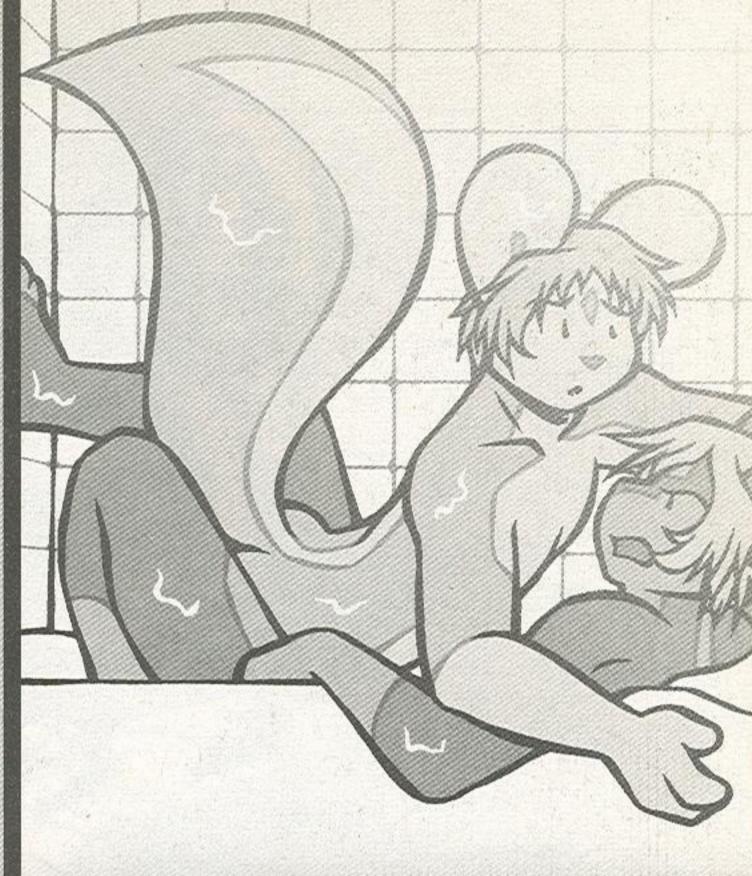


Favio Montoya outcutes everyone in Space Race #1 this January! Carrot, a 13-year old girl dreams of entering the fabled Space Race but she's too young. But with a little creative help from her trusty sidekick she gets the chance of a lifetime... and takes on more danger than she can ever imagine!

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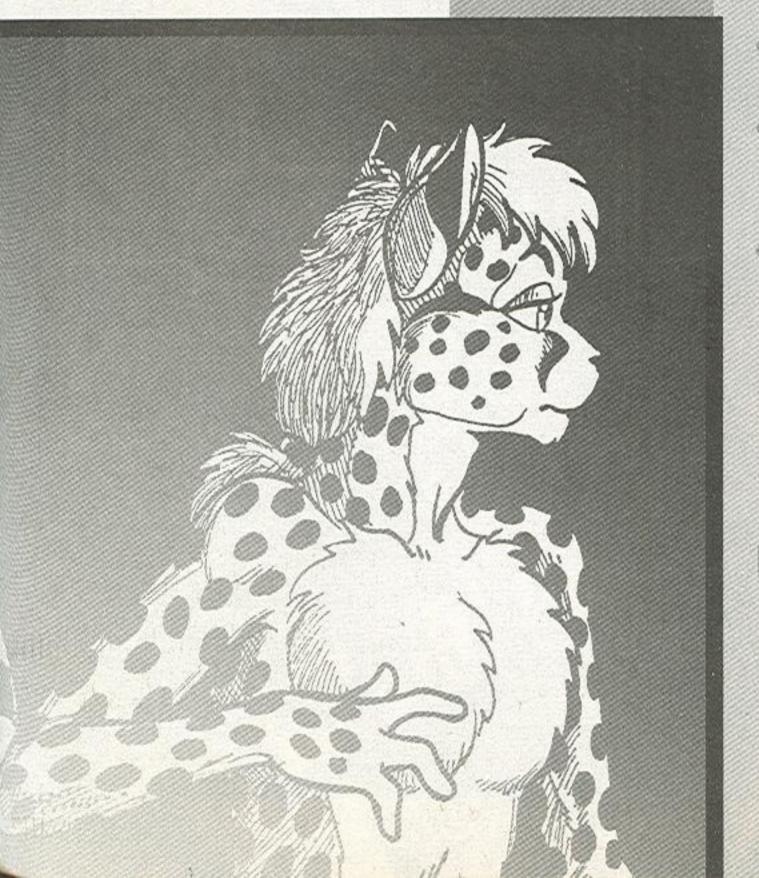
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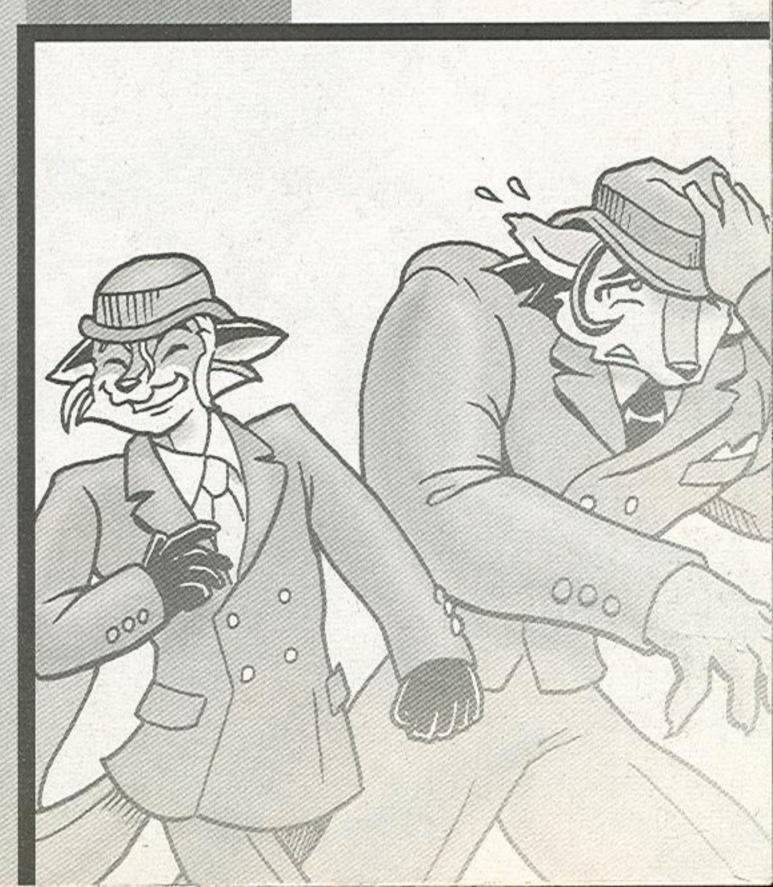
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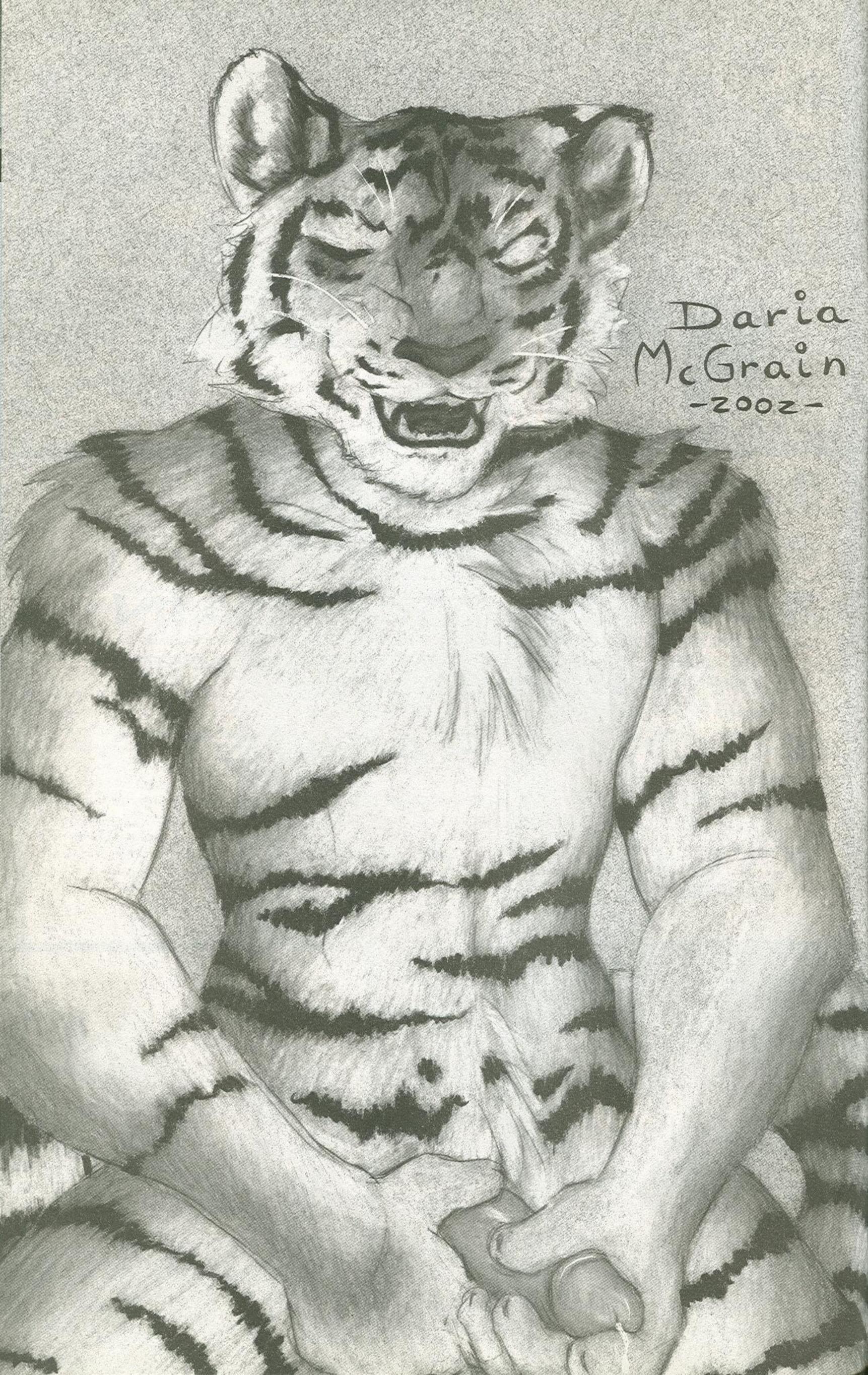
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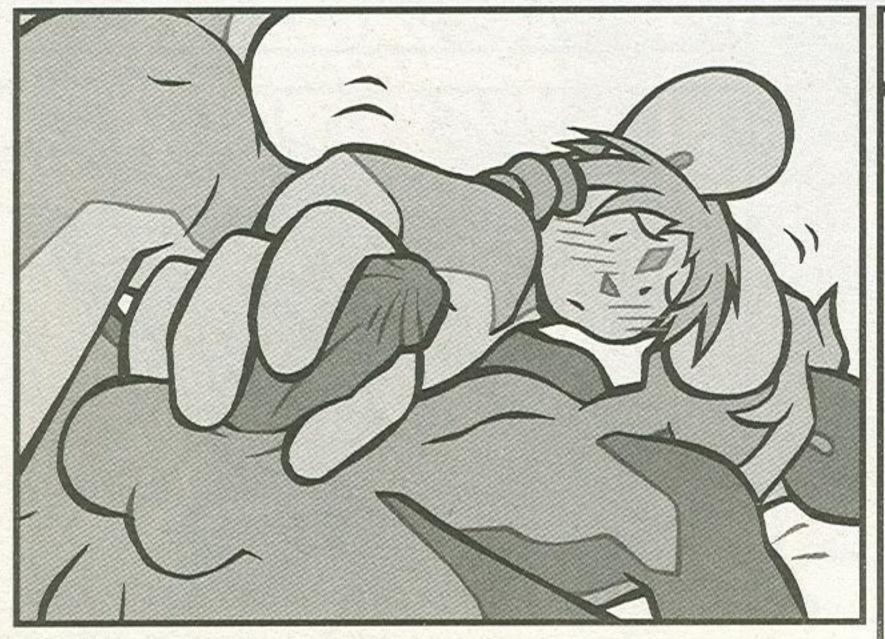


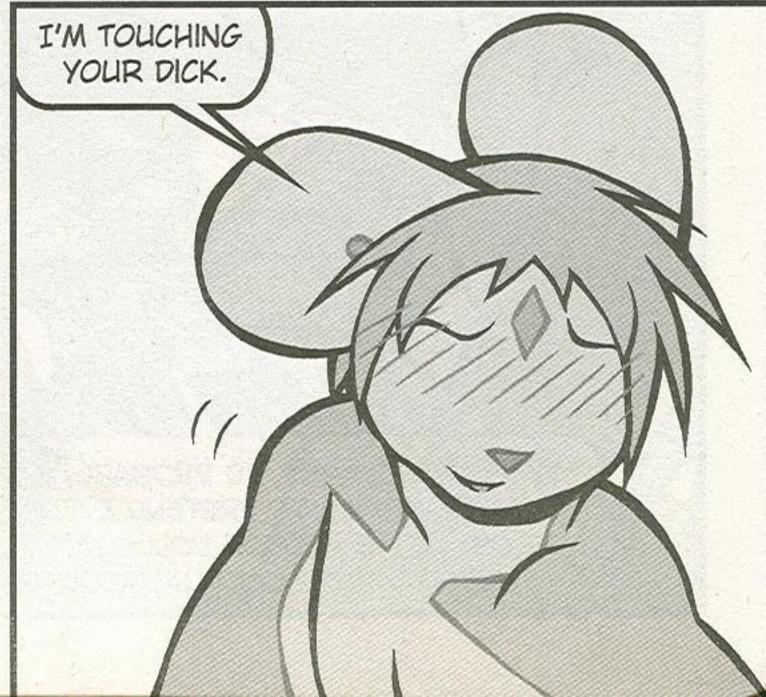


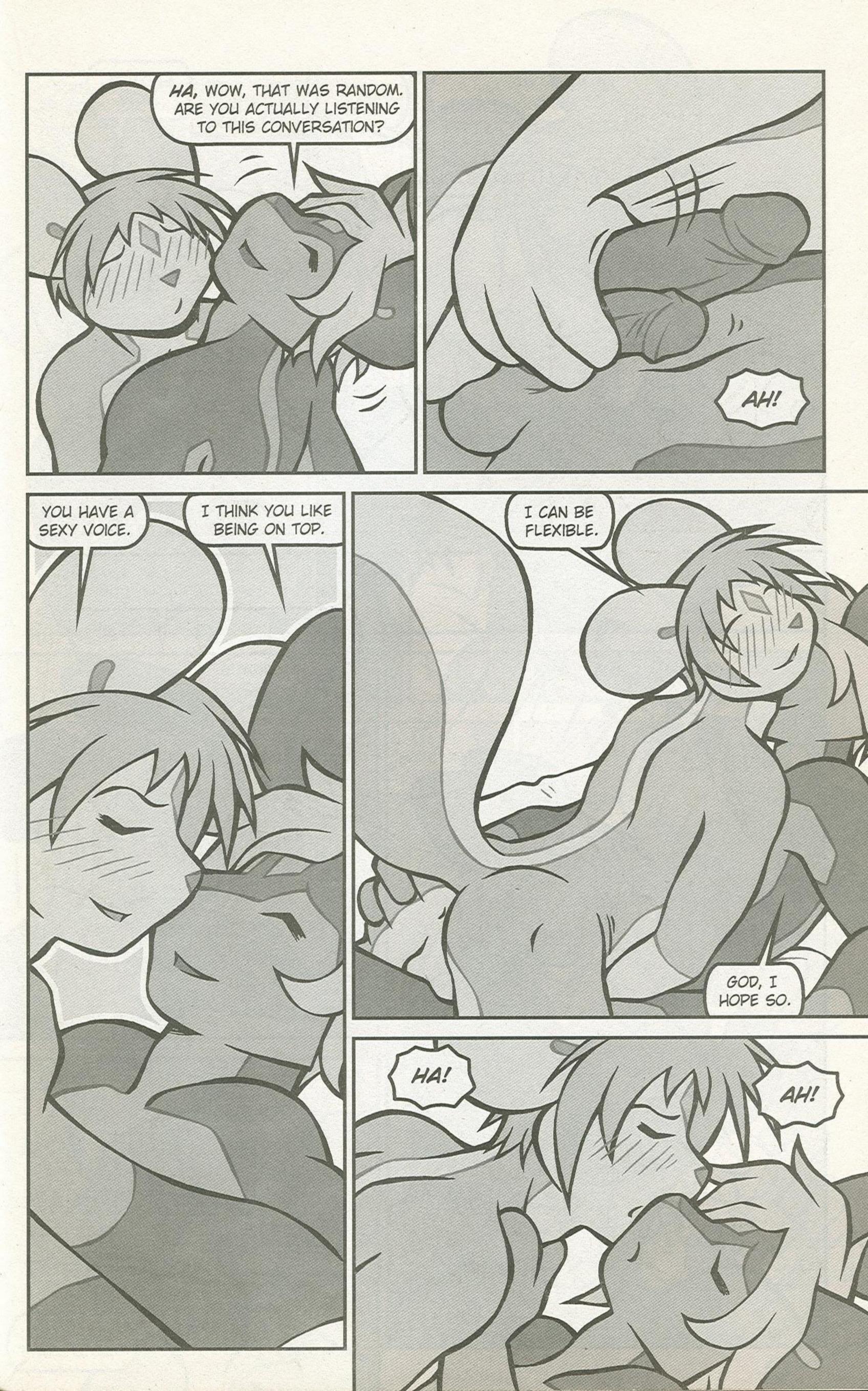




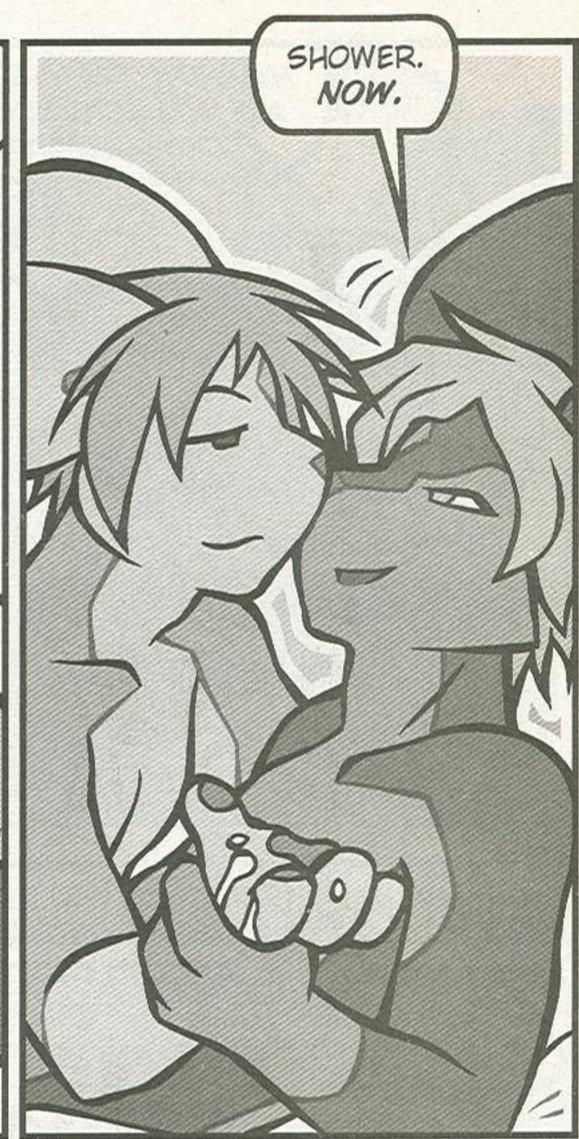








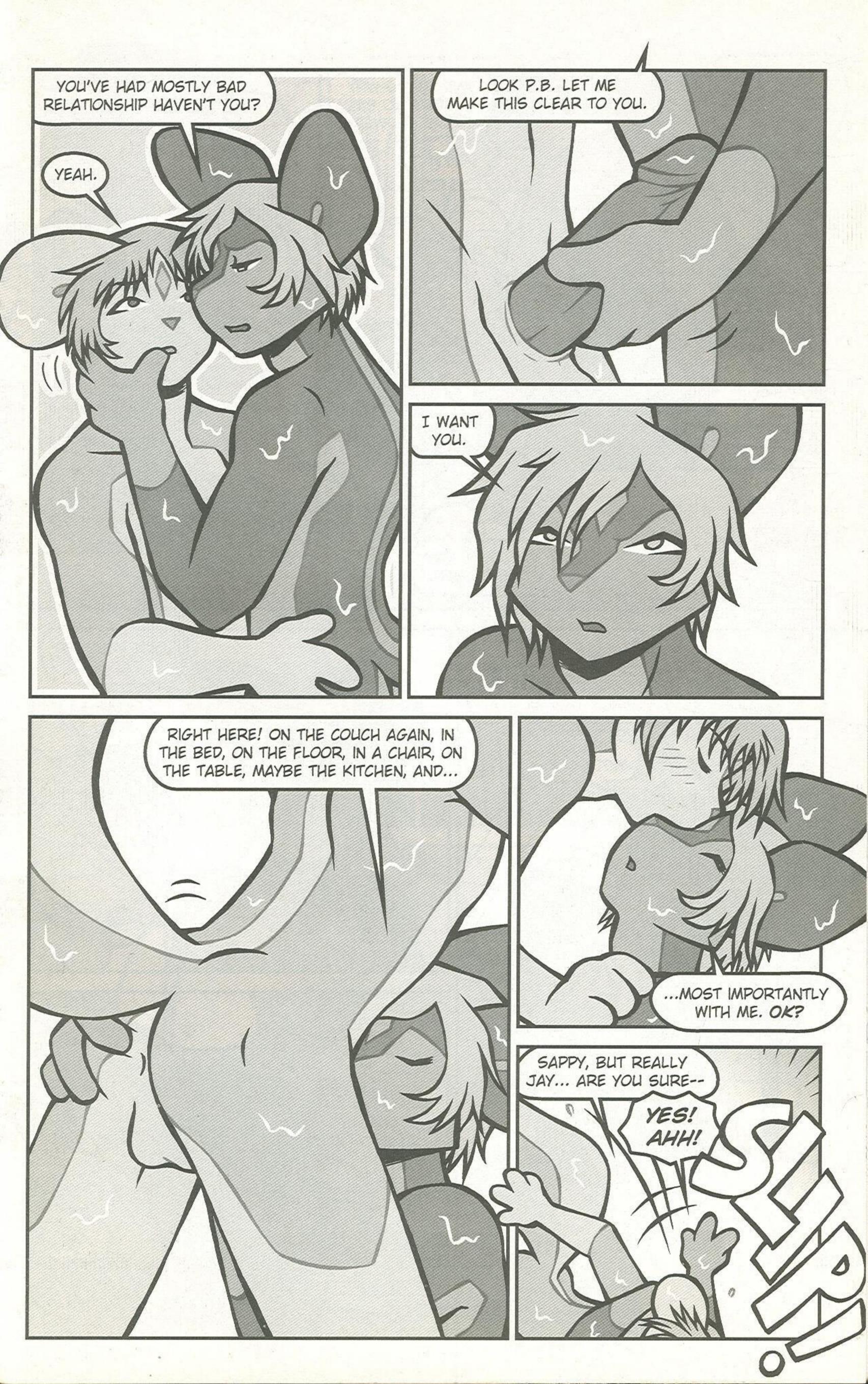






















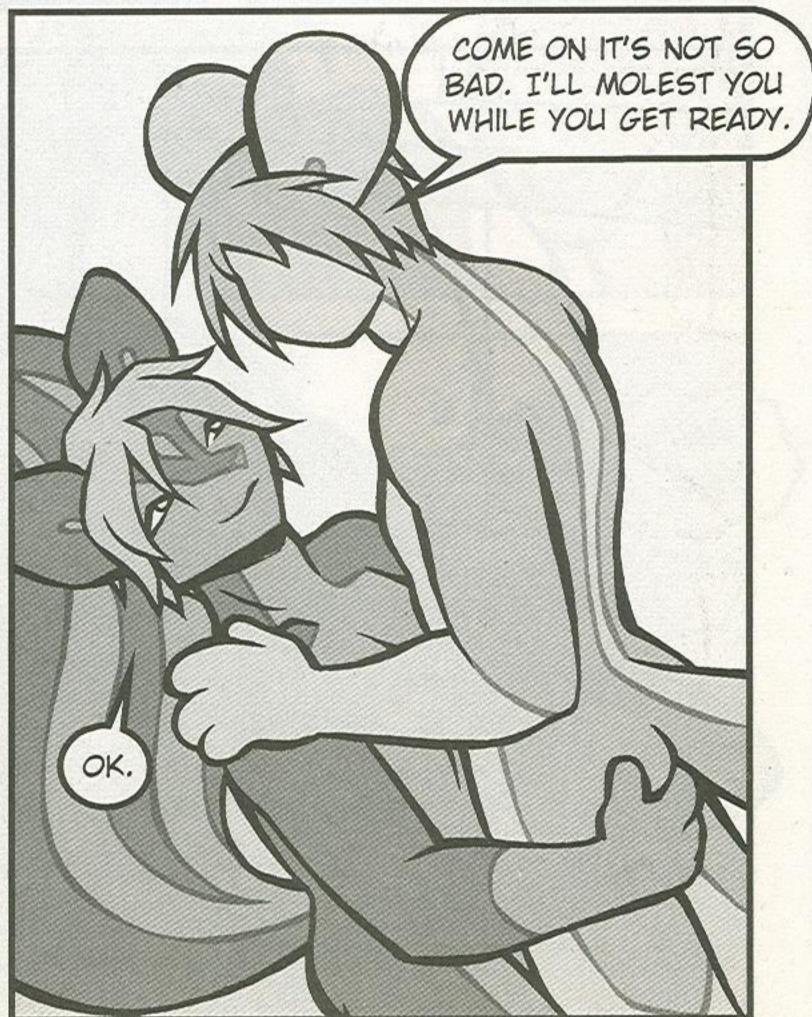


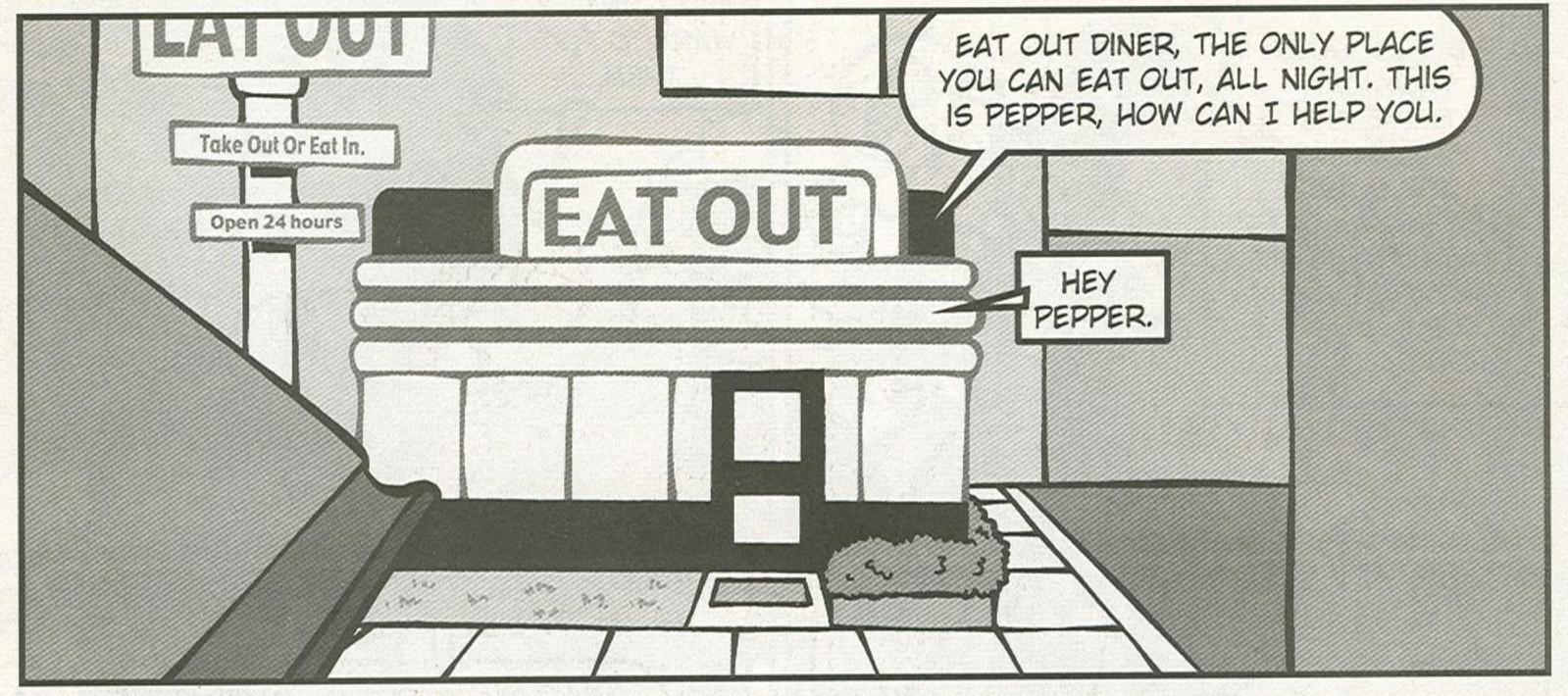






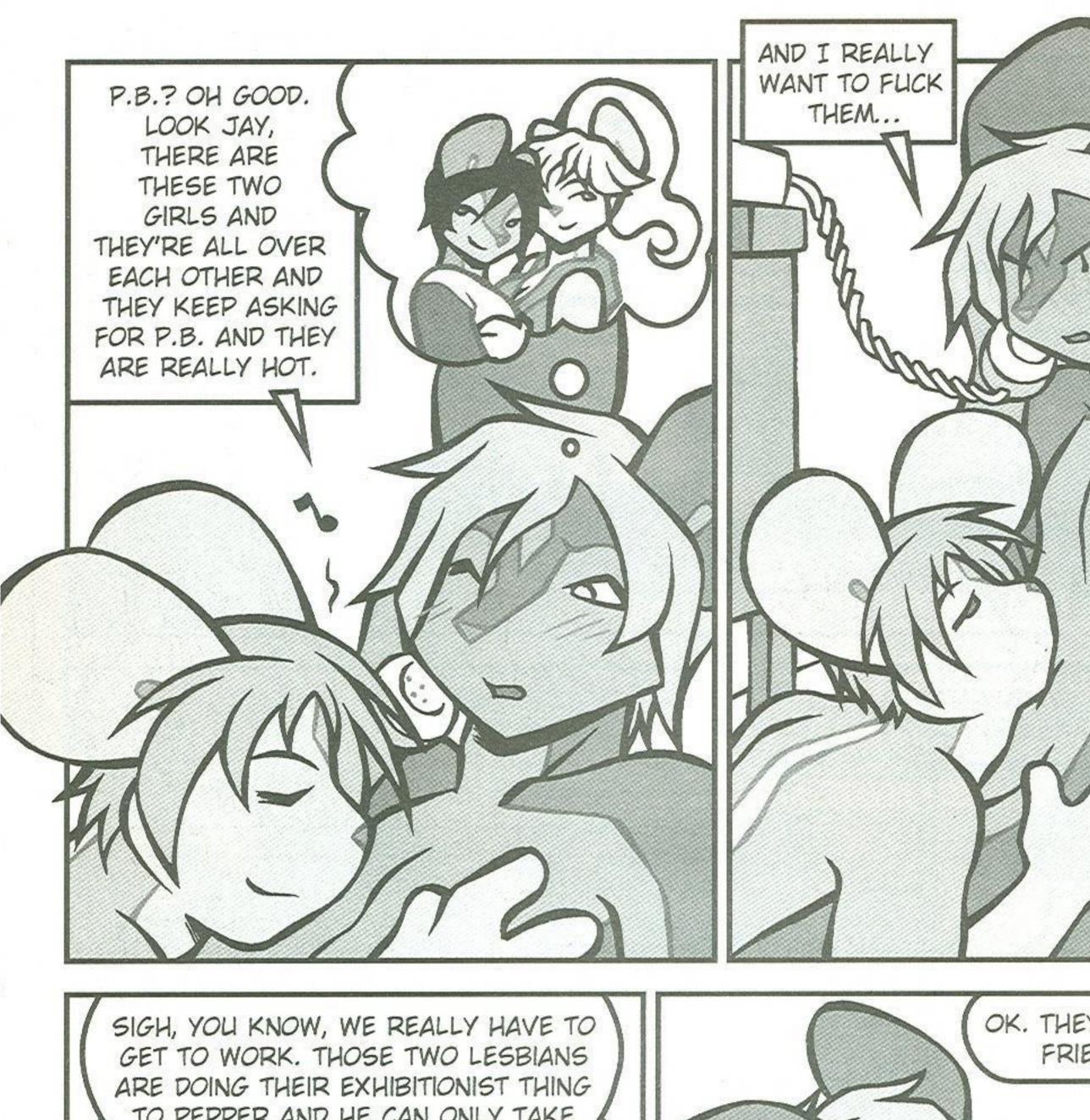






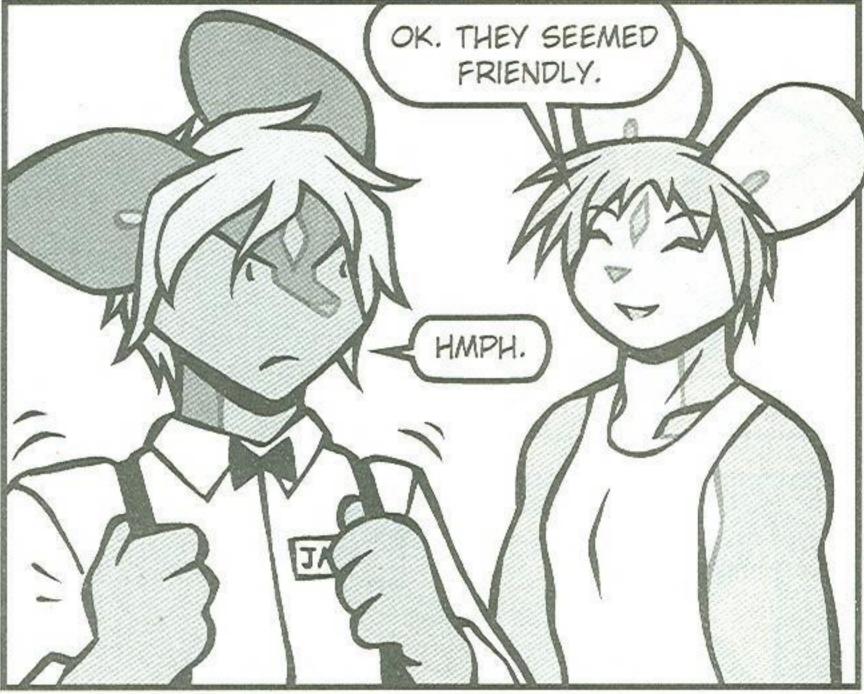


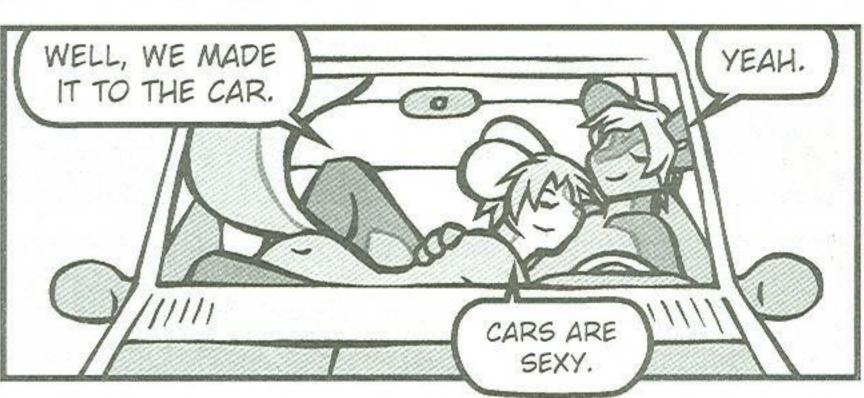




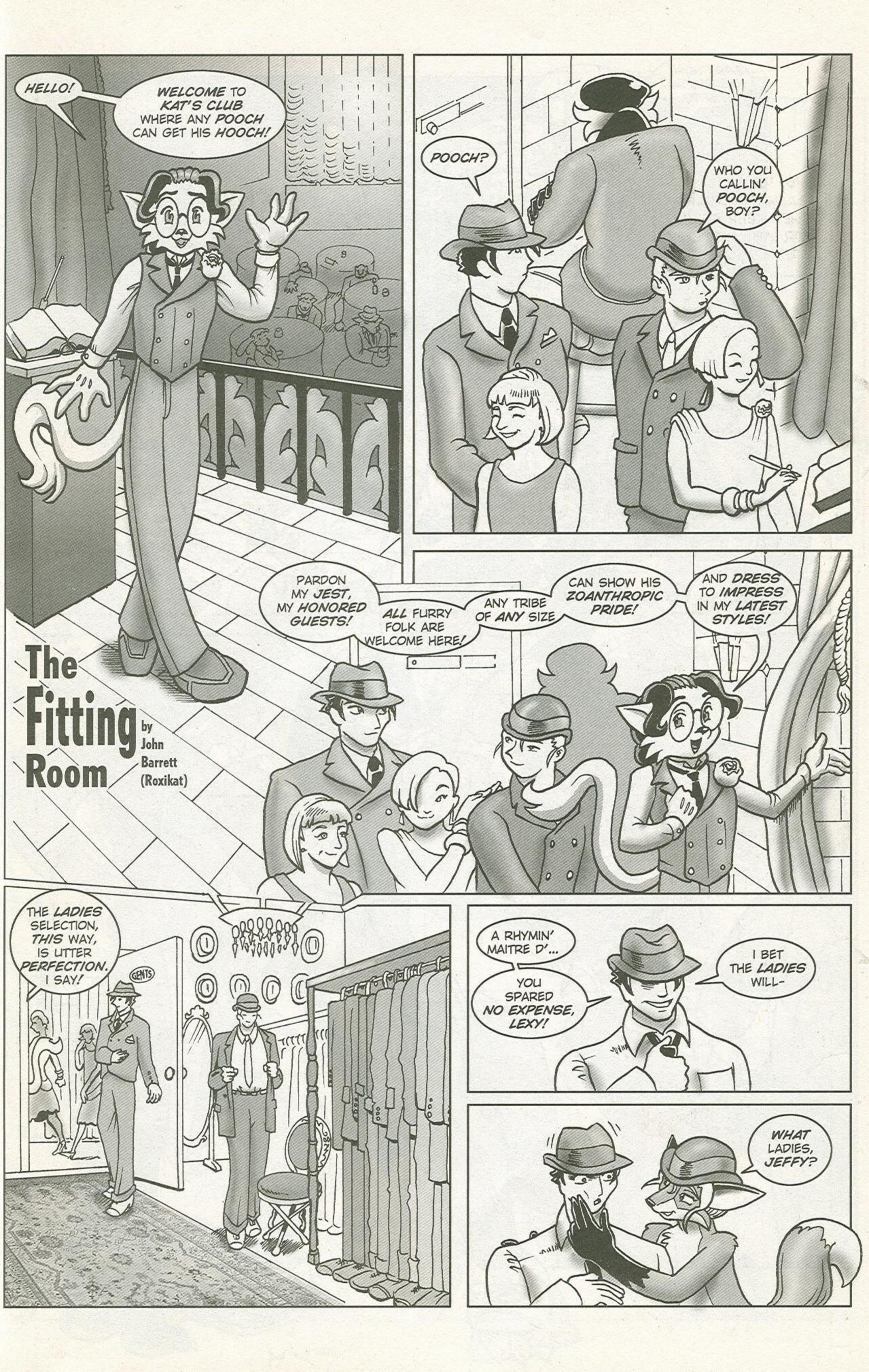






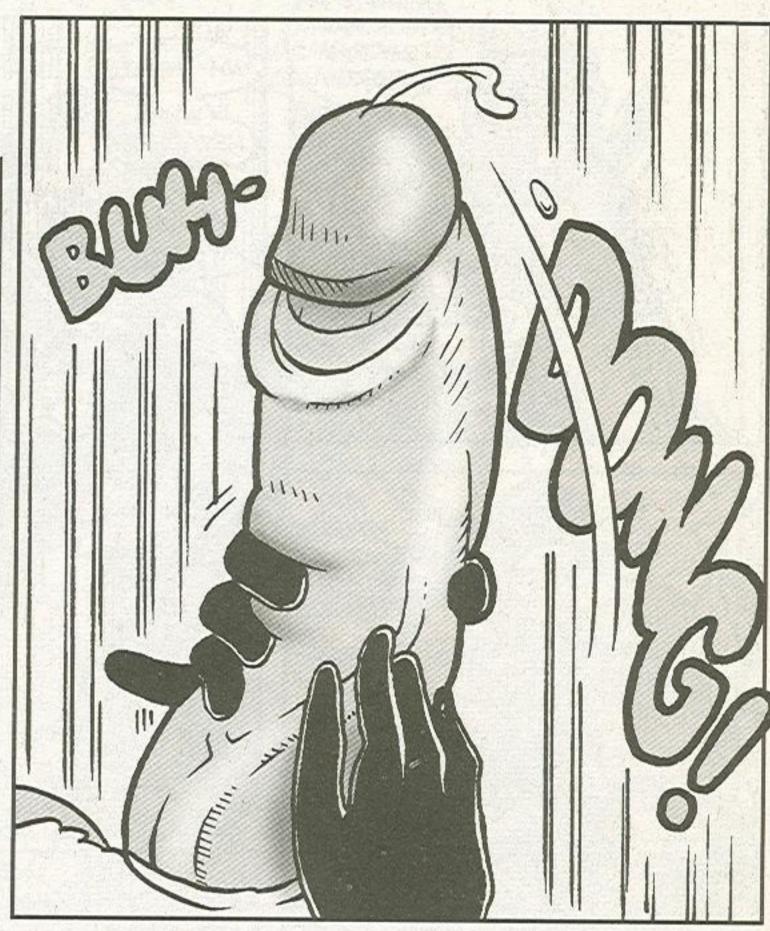




























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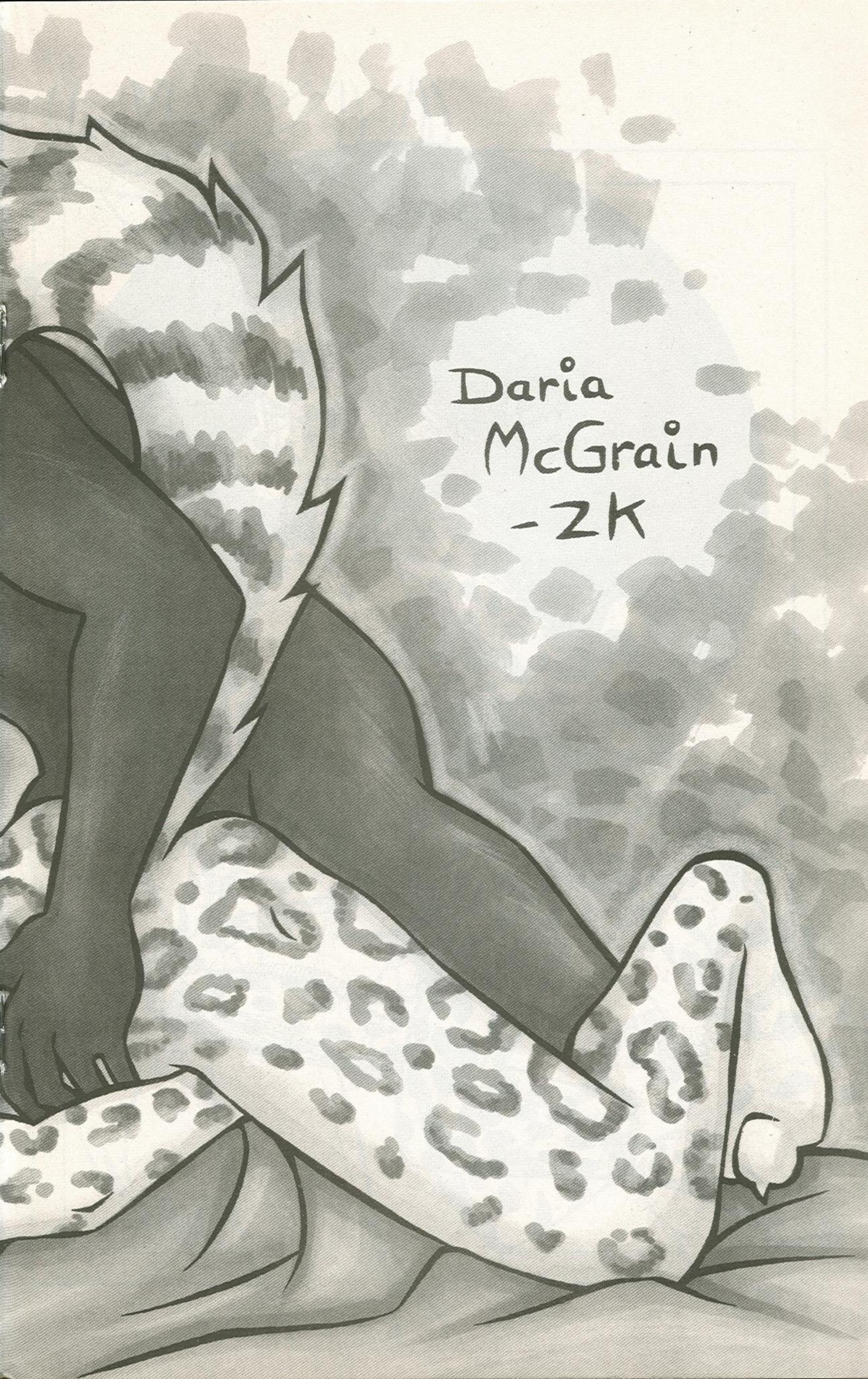












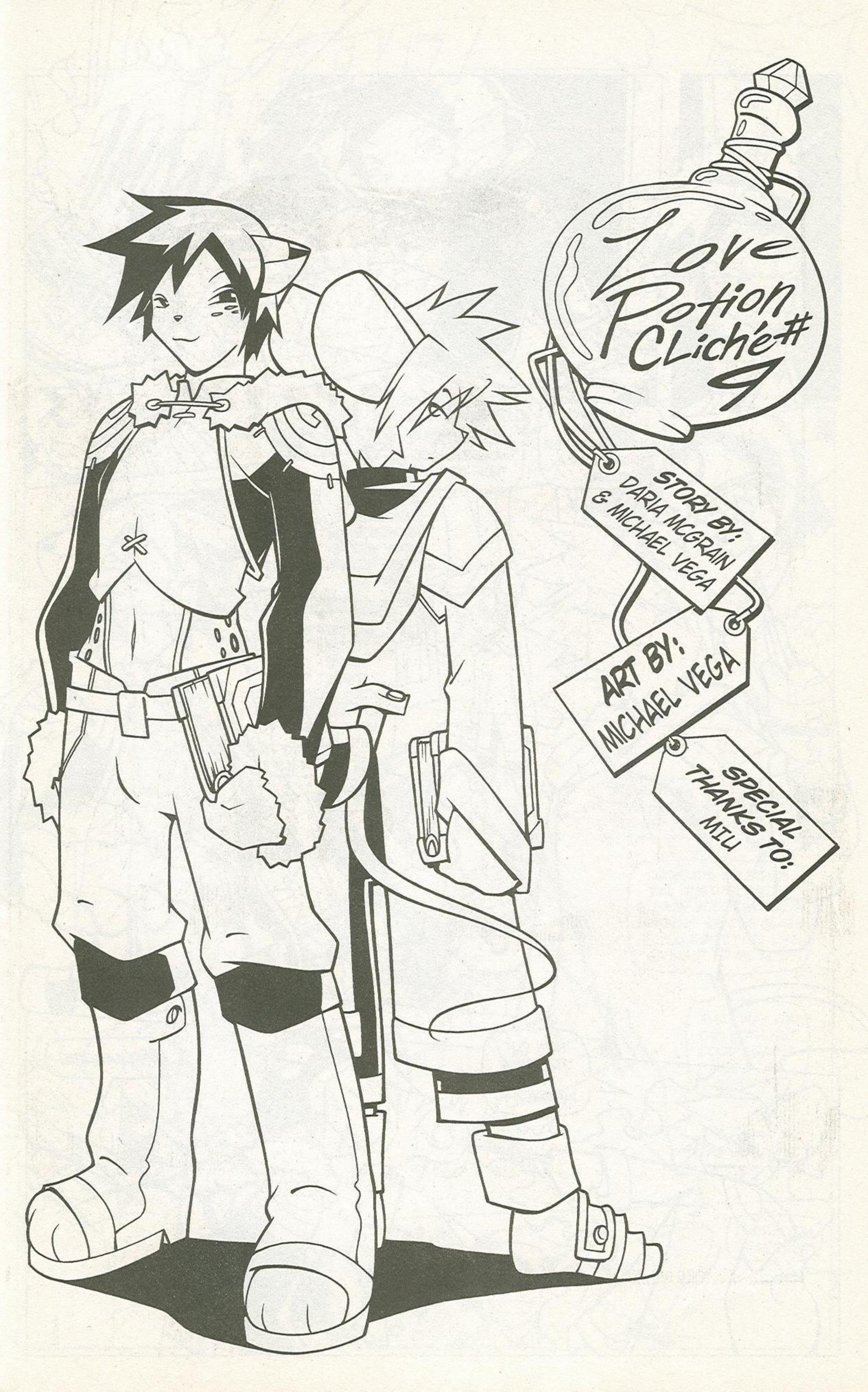






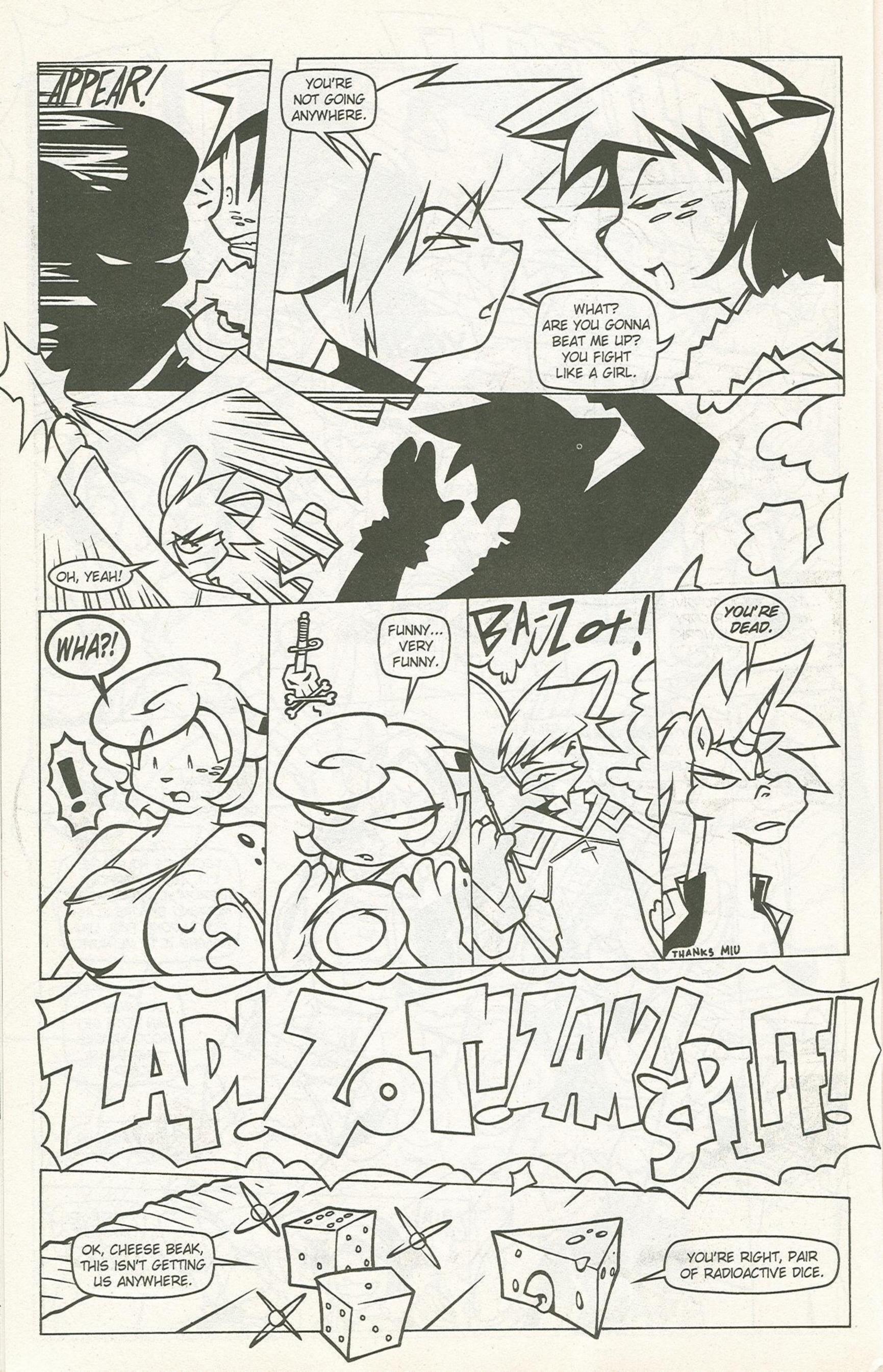
















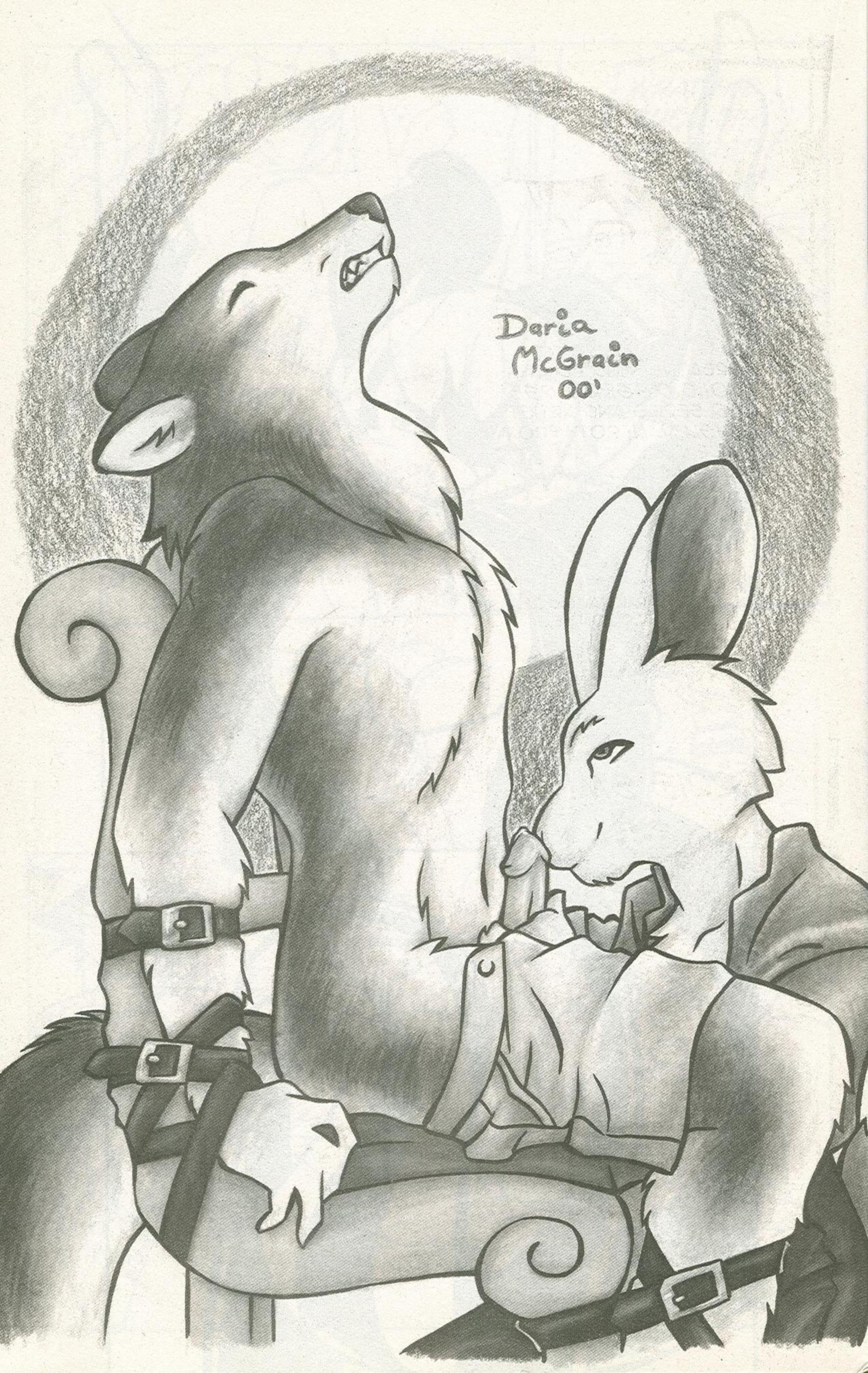












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Daria Says...

Hello,

Thanks everyone, for all of the letters you've sent about Genus: Male #1. It's nice to hear what you thought of the book. I really had fun creating the comics and stories and I'm happy that other people are enjoying them.

I hope you like this new issue as much as the first. I'm really happy with how it turned out. If you want to comment on this issue, you can. Just drop me a line at: dariamcgrain@yahoo.com or write me at:

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